

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): ~~An~~ A combination comprising:
an optical fiber containing a notch, and
a luminescent material,
wherein said notch is configured so as to direct ~~radiation~~ radiant energy within the fiber toward a the luminescent material.

2. (currently amended): An optical luminescent display device, comprising:
a luminescent material; and
a side emitting optical fiber ~~means~~ adapted for supplying radiant energy to said luminescent material.

3. (original): An optical luminescent display device, adapted for use with radiant energy source, comprising:
an optical fiber;
a luminescent material; and
a notch formed in said optical fiber adapted to direct a first type of radiant energy within said optical fiber toward the luminescent material.

Claim 4 (canceled).

5. (original): An optical luminescent display device of claim 3, wherein:
said luminescent material requires excitement from a first type of radiant energy to emit visible light.

Claims 6-18 (canceled).

19. (original): An optical luminescent display device comprising:
an optical fiber;
a luminescent material; and
means for deviating a path of radiation traveling within said optical fiber away from the axis of said optical fiber toward said luminescent material.

20. (currently amended): A method for causing a luminescent material to emit visible light, comprising:

an optical fiber;
~~a radiant energy source~~ emitting radiant energy into said an optical fiber; and
directing said radiant energy toward a luminescent material, said luminescent material
~~capable of~~ emitting visible light when radiated by said radiant energy; via a notch formed in said optical fiber,

wherein said optical fiber is adapted to direct said radiant energy within said optical fiber toward said luminescent material.

Claims 21-48 (canceled).